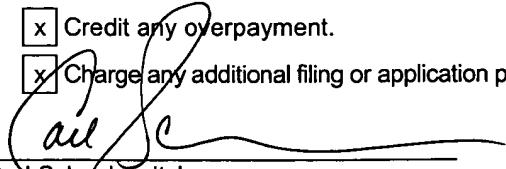




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Application No. 10/784,304-Conf. #8300	Filing Date February 24, 2004		Examiner N. Abrams		Art Unit 2839
Applicant(s): Shinji UCHIDA					
Invention: RECEPTACLE					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 in the amount of \$ 910.00 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed and in response to the final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, the period for response being extended to December 23, 2005, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are pending in the application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 11 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1-5 and 8-10 are amended.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10/3 and 10/4.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)